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Asteroidean

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Asteroideans are a class of sea monsters named for two main reasons. The first is that the first known monster of this class, the *stella*, resembled the class of animals within the similarly named biological family: *Asteroidea*. The second reason is that some of them exhibited forms reminiscent of asteroids, mainly due to their irregular structure and, in some cases, skin that mimicked rock for camouflage, using an active mechanism to change texture and color, much like certain cephalopods. Additionally, their slow and heavy movement through deep-sea zones evoked the image of drifting masses in a marine space, as if submerged meteorites were floating through the ocean. The *Stella*, the first specimen in this classification, remains an exception to the norm.

Characteristics

The common traits that justify their grouping within this class are as follows:

- All monsters are predominantly aquatic and dwell mostly underwater.
- They possess an extremely advanced regenerative capacity, using the loss of body parts as a means of reproduction.
- All of them resemble, to varying degrees, animals such as starfish, sea cucumbers, sponges, sea urchins, etc.—whether due to their radial body structure, their movement via muscular contractions or cilia, or the rough, gelatinous texture of their skin, reminiscent of many echinoderms.
- They are large in size, with the smallest specimens being comparable in size to a great white shark.

History

This classification did not exist until 1360, two years after the Second

Conjunction of the Spheres, when the Etholian biologist, Thasior aep Dartha found the first recorded specimen of stella to have come ashore during a research he was carrying out on the local coastal and marine fauna of his native Etolia.

Known Asteroideans

- Stella

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